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Note and Comment.

The event of the week in the Legislature was the introduction by the attorney-general of several amendments of far-reaching consequence to the liquor ordinance. His announcement of the government's intentions aroused particular interest in view of the agitation for closing the bars at seven o'clock which has been conducted throughout the province for the past month or so. Mr. Hiebert, the Conservative member for Rosebud, rose when Mr. Cross had resumed his seat and declared for seven o'clock closing while Mr. John T. Moore, of Red Deer, one of the government's leading supporters, took strong issue with its policy. While the Saturday News does not agree with all of Mr. Moore's conclusions, it reproduces his speech in full on another page, in recognition not only of its merits as a presentation of the cause of temperance reform but of its significance in the peculiar circumstances under which it was delivered. While the changes made by the government do not go to the length asked by the Moral Reform league, they have as their object the better enforcement of the liquor license law and the further restriction of the liquor traffic. There are to be no rural taverns. No application can be entertained for a license except in a city or town or in a village containing at least 40 dwelling houses within an area of not greater than 960 acres. Further than this, there is to be a restriction as to the number of licenses that can be granted in municipalities. There is to be one for the first 500 people, one for the next 500 and one for each additional 1000. This restriction made it necessary to require further accommodation at licensed places. Instead of 20 bedrooms in towns and cities and 10 in villages, each hotel must in future provide 45 bedrooms in cities, 30 in the towns, and 15 in the village. Existing hotels must come up to the standard by July 1st next.

In order to aid in the enforcement of the law, it is provided that proof of the consumption or intended consumption of liquor upon premises where liquor is alleged to be bartered or sold shall be conclusive evidence of such offence.

Hon. Mr. Cross in his address, introducing the amendments, laid particular emphasis upon the necessity of having public sentiment behind such legislation. This is something that the experience of other provinces in this connection should teach. Despite Mr. Moore's strong appeal for the abolishing of the bar, the Saturday News cannot see any warrant in the state of public feeling in Alberta for the adoption of so radical a course, and the government has done well to content itself with the comparatively moderate progress in the direction of restriction that it has made. It is to be especially congratulated on not toyising with the question, as the Liber-



Albertans in the Public Eye.



MR. F. T. FISHER

The retiring Secretary of the Edmonton Board of Trade.

al Government of Ontario did, making promises to the temperance men which it never intended to keep and getting itself into dispute with all parties in the end. In one particular, however, it might quite safely and properly have gone further. A seven o'clock closing law is unreasonable, if we are going to allow the bar to continue at all. But the cutting down of the hours of closing from half past eleven, as at present, to ten o'clock would meet with widespread approval, including that of many hotelmen. If this time were named in the ordinance, it would give assurance that all who have spent their evening in the gratification of social instinct over the bar, "the human cry for comradeship," as Mr. Moore puts it, were home in time for a good night's sleep, preparatory for next day's work, and that much of the roystering which now goes on in the hour and a half before the bars close would be avoided. With this further amendment, this paper believes the government would have to its credit a bit of legislation that was admirably in keeping with existing conditions and calculated to make for law and order to a very important extent.

Mr. W. F. Bredin's address before the Canadian Club on Edmonton's hinterland, coming as it did from a man with a lifetime's experience in that vast empire, so long the source of wealth to the fur-trader and now awaiting the coming of those who will develop its agricultural areas, its forests and mines, serves to sustain interest in the great work which has been done there while it also stands as authoritative statement regarding the resources of that great country to the north. In its development men of Mr. Bredin's ability and breadth of interests will play a big part. The movement to open it up to easy communication to the outside world and to direct general at-

tention to the immense material wealth that lies stored there is one in which the people of Edmonton should interest themselves in season and out of season.

"Man Eaten by Wolves near Scotia Junction" is the heading over a news item in an eastern paper. Scotia Junction, it might be mentioned, is a town in Ontario about 150 miles from Toronto. The item is of particular interest in view of the wolf stories which have alternated with those of the loss of life through cold which have been doing duty against Western Canada in recent weeks.

The clause in the provincial railway bill preventing the operation of street railways on Sunday in Alberta, in opposing which Mr. Rosenroll joined the members of the opposition, follows exactly a similar clause in the Dominion. It makes merely a general regulation but, as the Saturday News understands it, there is nothing to prevent the legislature from giving the privilege of Sunday cars to a municipality, when conditions warrant them. While puritanical notions are not generally prevalent in this part of the west, most people are disposed to recognize the advisability of preserving a day of rest for workingmen as far as possible and it is well to have the onus placed upon those who desire Sunday cars in a particular city of proving that it needs them.

The Edmonton Bulletin, the Camrose Mail, and several other leading provincial newspapers insist on stating that "Postmaster General Mulock" has announced a surplus of \$800,000. Now Mr. Mulock has been occupying a position on the Supreme Court bench of Ontario for well on to two years back and it is hardly fair to ask him to shoulder the disgrace of the surplus, even though it was his policy of cheeseparating which was

responsible for it and incidentally for the postal service under which Western Canada has been writhing.

The death of Dr. Oronhyatekha, the head of the Independent Order of Foresters, removes a picturesque figure. He was the subject of very bitter criticism in the conduct of the business of the great Order over which he presided. Whether it was well justified or not, we shall probably not have long to wait now to determine. He was a full-blooded Six Nation Indian and the success which he achieved has proven a source of no small inspiration to his race.

The Conservative government has been returned to power in Manitoba by a majority in the neighborhood of fifteen. The campaign, which was waged largely on the question of the boundaries, was a dirty one from start to finish on both sides and reflects no credit on the province. A striking feature of the result is the defeat of the Liberal leader, Mr. Brown, in Portage la Prairie. His selection for the post before he had even occupied a seat in the Legislature, was a novel experiment. Whether he will now continue in politics is doubtful. Dr. McPadden, the provincial secretary, was the only cabinet minister defeated. Johnston (Liberal) came out against ex-mayor Sharpe in West Winnipeg, but the other seats in the capital went Conservative, Mr. Macdonald, of the A. Macdonald Co. being beaten in North Winnipeg.

After much discussion the Edmonton council has decided on the streets which the six miles of car line, to be constructed during the coming summer, will traverse. The main line will run on Jasper, from St. Catherine St. in the Groat Estate to Government avenue, the eastern boundary of the city. The other streets on which construction will take place are:

First street, from Jasper avenue to Isabella street.
Isabella street, from First street to Namayo avenue.
Namayo avenue, from Jasper avenue to Norwood Boulevard.
Syndicate avenue, from Jasper avenue to Norwood Boulevard, west to connect with the line at Namayo avenue.

It has also been decided that before other extensions are made, lines will be built along Jasper avenue east to the city park at View Point and north on Namayo to the G.T.P. shops. These cannot be attempted this year, the mayor told the council. This being the case, it is difficult to understand what the object of laying down a policy at this date is. Another council may be in power by the time the extensions are to be ordered and it will doubtless have its own ideas. Even if the present council did take up the matter, the members would, judging from past experience, have found reason for changing their minds in the meanwhile.

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With the Investors.

Mountfield & Graves have remodeled and enlarged their office at 334 Jasper Ave. East, have consolidated their old office with the east half of the building formerly occupied by Mrs. Ferrier's Millinery store. They now have fine quarters.

F. B. Girdlestone, manager of the docks at Bristol, England, who visited the west last summer had the following to say of Edmonton in a recent article:

"Edmonton will be a great city soon; nothing can stop it. It is surrounded by very fertile land, and numerous borings reveal rich deposits of coal. Owing presumably to the lie of the mountains and the deflection of warm currents of air, the climate of the great rectangle, which has four corners, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Winnipeg and Minneapolis, is not nearly so rigorous as a people in England think, nor when the thermometer falls to zero is the cold felt, provided the air is still and dry. The climate, as I found in the autumn, fosters intense energy and inspires the worker with confidence of success. From intercourse with inhabitants of towns I visited, and still more in the cars in which I was a passenger for days, I received a profound impression of their enterprise and hopefulness."

W. S. Weeks, who has recently spent six weeks in British Columbia, in comparing real estate values in Edmonton with those in Vancouver and Victoria, says he is surprised at the number of Northwestern people who are buying property in those places. He thinks there are far better opportunities right here in Edmonton. The rentals from business property in Vancouver and Victoria will average about 4½ per cent on the investment, while Edmonton property pays about 8 per cent; residential property in the Coast cities pays from 6 to 7 per cent on the investment while residential property in Edmonton pays around 12 per cent. Comparing Edmonton's prospects with those of Vancouver and Victoria he thinks Edmonton will outstrip both cities within 10 years. It is expected that the C.P.R. will establish new terminals on the West Coast of Vancouver Island which would be detrimental to Vancouver and Victoria, while there are exceedingly bright prospects that Edmonton will be the greatest railway and distributing centre in Western Canada. In view of these prospects Mr. Weeks maintains that investments in Edmonton real estate offer greater chances for profitable returns than the coast cities. Choice business property in Vancouver is held at \$1500 per foot with very few buyers on account of small returns

on investment, property on Jasper Avenue at \$800 per foot is much better, either from an investment or speculative point of view. Choice residential property in Vancouver is held at \$100 per foot. In Edmonton it has only reached about \$50 per foot. Mr. Weeks considers suburban property around Edmonton the best investment of all, prospective Street Car lines. He thinks such property will advance 300 to 400 per cent by the time the lines are in operation. There is a great amount of speculation in real estate on options in British Columbia while sales in Edmonton are of a more bona-fide character.

Drew & Co. have purchased the business of the Western Union Land Co. at 654 1st Street. Mr. Drew, senior member of the new firm has resided in Manitoba for 25 years and will make a specialty of farm lands.

The Edmonton Standard Coal Co. which has taken over the Brenton and Parkdale mines, has commenced operations under the management of William Munns, formerly of Toronto. It is the intention to so improve the equipment as to making the output upwards of a 1000 tons a day.

The Montreal Witness states that over 100 new towns will spring into existence along the line of the G. T. P. this year. "Land speculators" says the Witness "have naturally been endeavoring to take advantage of the rise in values which the new line will bring about, and in many instances have endeavored to anticipate the townsites, and get in ahead even of the railway itself. Quite a number of shrewd guesses have been made, but very few of the speculators have succeeded in holding up the company for exorbitant amounts, for when extravagant prices have been asked the company have simply shifted its location a few miles further away. This has had a dampening effect on the energy of the speculators, a few of whom have been very badly 'left'."

An adequate labor supply has been guaranteed for Edmonton building operations by the agree-

ment reached during the week by a representative of the builders and carpenters. It re-affirms the agreement for a universal eight hour day among the carpenters, for a raise of wages from \$3 to \$3.36 per day, for a distinct understanding that carpenters are not to "job" after hours, and that carpenters who become contractors must join the builders' exchange and become sub-

ject to all the regulations of the body, or pay a premium for their labor. The agreement is for a closed shop. It provides for the working out of the card system and while it gives the builders protection against the irresponsible wood-butcher's style of contractor, it also gives the carpenter protection through a possible harmonious

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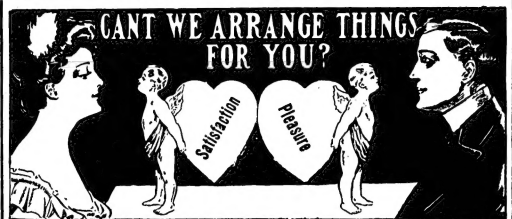
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Mayor George Ross has purchased Craighurst farm, near Calgary, from C. W. Peterson, including the latter's famous cattle, sheep and horses for \$37,000.

Blackburn, Glover & Leduc, real estate firm, have moved their office from Room 6 and 7 Crystal Block, to 622 First St., formerly occupied by George Lalonde, tailor.

The R. M. M. Carter property, comprising 138 acres, to the north of the power house in Wetaskiwin, has been sold to a syndicate for \$200 an acre. It will be subdivided and placed on the market.

The largest property transfer that has occurred in Edmonton in a considerable time was that by which Messrs. York and Secord, owners of the Windsor Hotel, became the owners of the Alberta Hotel as well, purchasing the latter from E. D. Grierson for \$125,000. In 1897 Messrs. Grierson and Jackson became the proprietors and in 1902 Mr. Grierson bought Mr. Jackson's interest out.

Mr Burns' purchase in Edmonton consisted of 100 feet on the west side of Third street, just north of Jasper avenue lane. A year ago Messrs York & Driscoll purchased the property and the lot immediately north for \$20,000. The latter they sold six months ago for \$10,000 while Mr Burns paid \$30,000 for his purchase, leaving \$20,000 clear to the former owners.

Sheriff Robertson has sold lots 63 and 64, block 5, H.B.R. to J. L. Cote for \$42,000. This is the property on Jasper between 5th and 6th streets on which his commodious residence stands. Mr Cote takes possession on May 1st. The Sheriff is likely to build a residence on his two lots, next to Dr. Pickering's, on 6th street.

The great activity in Strathcona property continues. P. Burns during his recent visit bought on each side of the river. His Strathcona purchase was the Parrish property at the corner of Whyte and West Railway for \$35,000. Less than a year ago it was purchased by Messrs. Duggan & Saché for \$20,000.

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Music and the Drama.

When Edmonton amateurs can put on such a show as that which delighted the audiences which packed the opera house on the first three nights of the present week, the question naturally arises: Why don't we have more of this sort of thing? It is a reasonable cause of complaint that the distances that companies have to travel in the West make it difficult to secure first-class attractions. Why do the amateurs not make more of an effort to supply the lack? Most of those who were present at this week's performances had seen good minstrel shows before but the Sat-

urday News ventures to say that they never saw one that they more thoroughly enjoyed. The six comedians, Rollin Kelley, Tom Rooks, Emmett Gorman, Guy Watkins, Billy Jepson, and last but not least, the talented director of the show, Holly Sheppard, would be hard to equal anywhere. Their work was of a finished character, which considering the short time in which practice has been going on, was most remarkable. Each had a song and each was greeted with applause. The other soloists of the first part, Alf. McLeod, James Scott, Art. Hodgkinson, Wm. Bel-frage, Dr. Harwood and Fred Birks were warmly received while little

Miss Georgie Franklin was a prime favorite. Special mention should be made of the work of Mrs. Sheppard at the piano, which was a model in the art of accompanying.

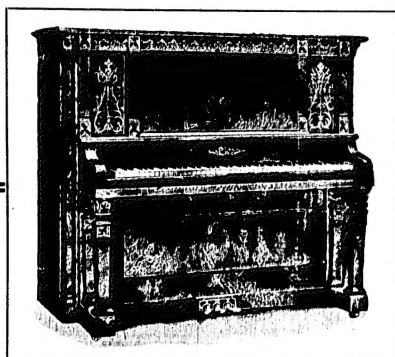
The second part opened with a fine exhibition of club swinging by De Roziers. Dr. Harwood's teapot solo was an original and entertaining effort. The Elite quartette, consisting of Dr. Harwood, Dr. A. Harwood, and Messrs. Birks and Griffiths, gave an admirable selection. "Lazy Moon" by M. D. Silas, assisted by Deacon White, Scott Fields, Harry Coles, Billy Jepson, Emmett Gorman, and Will Haliburton, was one of the most popular numbers of the evening.

A Bunch of Peckers, consisting of Messrs. Birks, Henry, Paburn, Kelly, Hencher, and Clancy, with Guy Watkins as Big Chief evoked lots of merriment, while Tom Rooks and Holly Sheppard, in good old-time minstrel style, put in a lively quarter of an hour with "Just Nonsense." The programme concluded with a rousing chorus "In good old Edmonton," Fred Birks taking the solo part.

The baseball club has certainly been given a big boost for the season by the show.

The Russian concert on Saturday night was as enjoyable as it was unique and too much praise cannot be accorded Mr. Michael Gowda and those associated with him for their efforts in providing it. The singing of the folk-songs, Mr. Gowda's spirited address to the members of the race present in the Ruthenian tongue, the song by Miss Gowda, dressed in the national costume and the recitation by Miss Brygs, all served to bring the English portion of the audience in touch with a phase of the life of their fellow citizens, to which they were hitherto strangers. Needless to say these parts of the program evoked great enthusiasm from those in the body of the hall to whom they made a direct appeal. The piano solos of Miss Iva Wright, Mr. Stutchbury's vocal numbers, and the singing of the Grace Church Male Quartette were most enjoyable features of the evening. Rev. Dr. MacQueen at the rise of the curtain delivered a most appropriate address in which he wished the Russian people God speed in their efforts.

The bill authorizing the C. P. R. to build from Strathcona to Camrose passed its second reading in the House of Commons on Tuesday.



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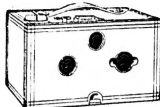
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The Abolition of the Bar.

John T. Moore, M.P.P. places himself on record in a forcible manner.

The following is a verbatim report of the speech delivered on Monday in the Alberta Legislature by John T. Moore, M.P.P. for Red Deer in the debate following the attorney-general's announcement of his proposed amendments in the Liquor Ordinances:

Mr. Speaker:—The time has come for the statement by any member of this House of his views upon the important question under consideration and I cannot let the opportunity pass in silence. I, therefore, rise to place myself on record before the house and before the country.

I shall not enter upon any general discussion of this Bill, amending the Liquor License Act, as I shall have that privilege in the Committee of the Whole House, but I call the attention of the Attorney-General to the repeal by this Bill of an important clause regulating the arrangement of doors communicating with bar-rooms. This may be an accidental omission that will be remedied later. I also regret that in villages and other places licenses can be issued without regard to the wish of the majority.

I trust it will not long be possible under the law to force a license against the will of the majority.

The respect, however, in which I have suffered the keenest disappointment is that no provision has been made for curtailment in the hours during which bar-rooms can remain open. In view of the large and influential delegations that presented their views to the Government asking that bars be closed at seven o'clock in the evening, I regret that their request has not been reflected in the Bill. I had reason to expect that the hours would be shortened at least from half past eleven to ten o'clock, some concession, but that is wanting, and I am sorely disappointed. I think the omission is a great mistake.

The Bill is for the regulation and restriction of the liquor traffic. This and all similar legislation implies and declares that there is a peril about that is a menace to the community, and the object of such legislation is the welfare and protection of the people. I have often appeared as an advocate for restriction and pleaded with legislators for such protection. To-day I stand as a member of the Legislative Assembly of this splendid Province of Alberta, not to advance any personal

view—which would be a usurpation—but to faithfully discharge my duty as a legislator and promote enactments in harmony as I believe with the great body of public opinion. This is the only foundation for legislation; and Governments must take heed that they rightly interpret public opinion. I believe that upon this question public opinion is much—very much—in advance of the Liquor License Act and of the provisions of this Bill.

No one can object to the restriction of the evils of the drink traffic. No one would dare to defend the evils of the traffic. This purports to be the principle of the bill. Does it stop short of what it ought to do? I answer—I think it does.

To clarify the grounds of this discussion let it be borne in mind that all the following questions are eliminated from present consideration, viz.:—Prohibition of the liquor traffic, compensation, high license, legal status of the traffic, revenue, state responsibility, personal liberty, political economics, and the proper place and use of spirituous liquors. It is all narrowed down to the question—What scope shall be given to the bar?

This is a serious matter. It is analogous to playing with a fire or a plague. The evils are manifest to all. We must not like the silly ostrich stick our heads in the sand and think we are safe. We cannot close our eyes and be guiltless; or join in the declaration of the first murderer—"I am not my brother's keeper." We must face the facts—see our duty and then have the courage to do it.

Here I see, upon the order paper for to-day, legislation against "Noxious Weeds." What about the crop of drunkards? I think the people of Alberta expect us to stop—as far as we can—the "Fragrant of Drink," whose slaughtered hecatombs exceed the combined devastations of famine, pestilence and war.

With the man who "uses and don't abuse" spirituous liquors I have no controversy here, and now. Only I would cite the incident of the man who was treading a dangerous path on the face of a cliff when he heard the call of his child—"Father watch where you are going, I am following you."

There are many sources of liquor supply—some of which are proper and right. Let us look at the list:—The sideboard, the wine cellar, the hotel table, the guest room, the liquor store, the drug store, the doctor, the brewery and the distillery. These make nine avenues of supply. There is still another—the Bar. I firmly believe that public opinion would sustain this government and this legislature if they would not only inscribe upon their banners, but inscribe upon the statutes:—"Abolish the Bar." The other nine sources of supply would still remain. Drinking and treating at the bar alone

would be gone, and I say reverently—"God speed the day."

I arraign the Bar as the arch-offender in this work of ruin, as the butt to trap, as the moving stairway that travels, never upwards but always downwards to the darkest depths, as the vestibule to the charnel house of drink and as the sepulchre of goodness—trading and feeling and fattening upon the noblest and most generous impulses of humanity. Are you lonely? Here is the Bar brilliant in the glitter of crystal and gold. Mirrors flash back the glare of lights. Good-fellowship abounds and liquor flows. Hearts are warm and generous as ever bent in human breasts gather at the Bar. Don't tell me there is no good in that group. Why are they there? It is the human cry for comradeship—it is the yearning of the soul to touch its kind. Yes! many escape its perils; but many, alas, here cross the path to that pitiful fate summed up in that one awful word—"drunkard."

Where mostly do the drunkards come from? I answer—the Bar! It is the "drunkard's factory." Therefore I say—"Abolish the Bar." It is the rapids which lead inevitably to the falls. Let us go up stream and stop them throwing in the boys and girls. Let us save our brightest youth for service to the State. Everyone of them is somebody's darling; and mothers and wives all over our beautiful Province of Alberta will bless and honor us.

Mr. Speaker and honorable gentlemen, do not censure me that I plead thus with you. For many years I worked to save the drunkard; and I have seen the appalling results of this dreadful traffic. I have seen homes stripped, hearts broken, and wives and mothers and children pleading for something better than rags and hunger and death. I charge the bar-room as the chief offender, as the destroyer of manhood and womanhood, as the despoiler of honor and virtue, and as the slippery stepping stone to the "Maelstrom of Drink." This is no dream. I could earnestly wish that it were—"only a nightmare" from which I could awaken.

The victims of drink plead with us to abolish the bar. I will cite one case of a brilliant and cultured gentleman who held a high and responsible position and enjoyed great prosperity. He fell through drink. Down he went until the havoc to himself and home was heart-breaking. He sank deeper still; but we did not give him up. In despair he said "Don't bother any more with me, it's not worth while. Passing a bar-room to me is like the smell of blood to a tiger. And then, if I fell were between me and a glass of liquor I would reach out and take it, although I knew that, at that moment, I would drop into a blazing inferno." But I saw that picture change. He became one of the

most honored men in the community; but many—very many—have fallen by the way. So I say, abolish the Bar.

If this cannot be secured, I then stand for closing the Bar at seven o'clock in the evening, in harmony with the request presented to the Government. Young men who quit business then, have their evenings for recreation. With open bars this frequently means dissipation which leads to excess. That means moral degradation and the pangs of bitter remorse. If denied even this restriction, it surely is but a small concession to the welfare of many homes and families to close the bar at ten o'clock instead of half past eleven as now. This would be accepted as an earnest, given by this House that further curtailment could be expected when public opinion would, beyond all peradventure, sustain the Legislature.

Mr. Speaker and honorable gentlemen, I have done. I have received marked kindness and consideration at the hands of this House on many occasions, but never more than today. For this I am grateful. My sympathies are aroused by this matter. I have seen many drunkards saved and I would like to help to save others. Shall I not save many mothers' darlings from becoming drunkards? Looking in the faces of the honorable gentlemen about me, each of whom I count my friends, I declare that could I end the terrible evils of intemperance or could I even have the Destroying Demon of Drink pass by the homes of this fair Province of Alberta, I would cheerfully lay down my life. This is not fanaticism—this is calm and sober sense. I would count this but a small sacrifice upon the altar of my country's good and the exchange of a meagre remnant for the sublime endowment with an infinite sweep in its beneficence. (prolonged applause.)

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The Medicine Hat News of Feb. 28th had the following:—For many years past our old friend Michelle Quesnelle and the members of his family have kept a sharp look-out for the first grass hoppers each spring and have always been successful in beating out everyone else in locating this harbinger of the good old summer time. This year has evidently been a hard one on grass hoppers, for as a rule the long legged chaps are located quite early in February. However, on Monday, Harpp Quesnelle came in with the spring hoppers. One of Mr Baillie's boys accompanied him to tell The News that he had heard a robin piping the same day.

R. E. Sherlock is erecting a three storey building on Round street, Lethbridge, which, it is said, will be the finest in Southern Alberta.

An inclined railway, to get over the street grade of the Bridge road, the difference between levels being about 300 feet, is being projected in Lethbridge.

The Wallaceville district lying immediately to the north of the river and including the mill property has been added to High River.

The new C.P.R. roundhouse at Red Deer has been completed.

The Pincher Creek council has asked the postmaster-general to change the name of Pincher City, which has been given the settlement at the station, so as to avoid confusion with the old town.

The home of Graham Forester, seven miles west of Millet, was destroyed by fire on Sunday, Feb. 23 none of the contents being saved.

Owing to the serious illness of his mother-in-law, John Mitchell, the president of the Coal Miners' Union could not attend the miners' conference at Calgary last week.

William Patterson, a wealthy rancher, who operates on both sides of the boundary line, has been committed for trial at Medicine Hat on a charge of horse stealing.

At St. Mary's church, Calgary, on Sunday, Father Lemarchand read a letter from Bishop Legal remonstrating with the Knights of Columbus in that city for holding a dance some two months ago. The result is that no more dances will likely be held by the Order. The Bishop's letter also warned Roman Catholics against joining the Elks and the Eagles, exhorting them to join their own secret societies, which are dependent upon, and recognize the Catholic church. The Knights of Columbus are a secret society but they are not secret to the bishop, hence the distinction between them and the Elks and the Eagles, societies which are not considered good for the welfare of the Catholic church and hierarchy.

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Mr. Fowler's Threat.

The recent threat, made by Mr. Fowler, M.P., who obtained so much undesirable notoriety in connection with the western land deals on which the insurance commission threw light, that if the Liberal members of the House tried to make it uncomfortable for him, he would hit back, cannot be allowed to stand without action being taken upon it.

"What Mr. Fowler said was this: If he were attacked as to his private life, and he held this term to include his land transactions in the north-west, as brought out in the insurance investigation, he would retaliate against ministers."

Here are his words: "We will give you the true side of the Hyman case, too," and later on: "If matters in connection with my private business are to be discussed in this House, I shall take an opportunity to discuss the private character of members of this administration and members on the government side; and when I speak of the indisposition of an hon member, which keeps him out of this House, what it was and how it was brought about, I shall discuss the characters of the hon. members opposite, whether they are ministers or private members, and their connection with women, wine and graft."

And further on: "If you are going to begin that kind of thing I do not propose to be singled out for such kinds of attack. There are gentlemen opposite living in very thin glass houses. I have taken a little trouble and pains to gather together some data with respect to some of them; and if I am attacked I do not propose to allow any such insinuations as were made by the member for Yale and Cariboo (Ross) to pass without retorting."

And then: "Let them attack me as quickly as they like. I am prepared to defend myself, and I am prepared along with that defence to carry war into the enemy's camp, and give them, not one Roland, but twenty Rolands for their one Oliver."

And for a wind up: "If I am attacked I shall defend myself, and not only defend myself but lead an attack."

If Mr. Fowler has any information regarding the character and conduct of members of the government, which if divulged would lead the electors of Canada to the conclusion that they should not occupy their positions, he is in duty bound to make it public. If a charge of graft in connection with public business could be brought home to any of them, we do not doubt that it would be preferred without delay. The opposition's sources of political capital are not so numerous that they would hesitate to avail themselves of any reasonable chance of discrediting the administration. As to charges, affecting the private life of ministers, the case is somewhat different. It has been an open secret for many years that in this respect there have been weak points in the armor of men who stood in high places in both parties. If one of their opponents took the initiative in bringing certain facts to the public attention, it has been recognized that their positions could be made uncomfortable and even intolerable. But naturally the role is one which few have been anxious to assume. Now, however, that Mr. Fowler has issued a general accusation, he has no right to hold back. If he has any self-respect, he will tell everything that he

knows and stand the full consequences. His own operations, as brought out before the commission, are assuredly a matter of legitimate discussion.

If he cannot defend himself successfully, he and his associates have no place in parliament. The tu quoque argument will not do. The public must have the whole facts and any conspiracy of silence will reflect seriously upon the character of parliament as a whole.

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One effect of this activity is discussed by the Strathcona Plaindealer which has the following:—

"On Wednesday the Edmonton gentlemen who recently purchased Premier Rutherford's property at the corner Whyte Ave. and Main St. for \$20,000, came over to Strathcona to make the acquaintances of their new tenants and to incidentally let them know what taxation would be made upon their incomes from month to month in future. People who occupy \$20,000 properties are expected to pay proportionate rentals whether they are doing \$20,000 business or not. The tenants all understood the theory but it was never put into practice until the new landlords took possession and made their friendly call. Now they are feeling that the boom has hit them hard. They look upon Premier Rutherford as a philanthropic gentleman whose only fault as a landlord is that he sold his property to the Philistines who are now upon them. After greeting their tenants very cordially and expressing the kindest regard for their happiness and comfort under the new order of things the landlords gently broke the news of a slight increase in the rent which they hoped would be paid in the prompt and cheerful manner in which it was charged. The advance only amounts to a little over 150%. These tenants are not complaining but simply hunting premises that are not worth \$20,000 and doubtless

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On Friday night of last week the Bulletin published an article at the head of its sporting column, which dwelt at length upon the advantages of a provincial hockey league. It was credited to the Calgary Albertan. In fairness it should be stated that the article first appeared in this column and that the idea which is now being so widely discussed is one that the editor of this department has been hammering at in season and out of season since he took up this work. We want not only hockey but every other game organized on a provincial basis. We already have baseball and in a few weeks we may expect to have football. Let hockey, cricket and lacrosse fall into line.

Regina is agitated over the proposal to lay out Victoria Park, which has been used for general athletic purposes, as a show-spot, with flower beds etc. The Standard urges that if this step is taken other grounds for athletics should be obtained. The subject is one that is of vital importance to every western town and city. Few of them are making any reservation with these objects in view. Edmonton is in a particularly bad way. It has neither an ornamental park nor an athletic ground centrally located and the neglect to make suitable provision constitutes a serious reflection on those who were directing the town's affairs in its earlier years. Other places should profit by its experience and hold on to what they have or secure land while it can be had at a reasonable price. If both an ornamental park and an athletic ground cannot be had, the latter should certainly have preference.

The action of Referee Gorman in overruling the decision of Judge-of-Play Laidlaw, who had ruled off Deeton, made the first game of the Edmonton-Strathcona series for the Brackman-Ker cup a fiasco. The score was 2-1 in Strathcona's favor at the time. Strathcona refused to accept the referee's decision and the game was given to Edmonton. Protest proceedings were instituted and various authorities are being called upon to decide as to Mr. Gorman's right to take the action that he did. The incident emphasizes the need of some permanent governing body in the province to which such disputes can be referred.

The Montreal Wanderers are again the champions of the eastern league, defeating Ottawa in the deciding game by 10 to 0. They will come west in the hope of regaining the Stanley Cup.

Calgary won the first game from Regina by 5 to 4 and lost the second by 3 to 1.

Eddie Durnan, the Toronto sculler nephew of Edward Hanlan, disappointed his friends by his defeat at the hands of George Towns for the world's championship on the Nepean river in Australia. Towns was a winner by three lengths. It is astonishing how little interest the contest aroused, a great change from the days when Hanlan, Beach, O'Connor, Searls and Stanbury were to the fore. What brought professional rowing into disrepute was undoubtedly the general belief that it was not being conducted on the square.

Innisfail's first curling bonspiel was a great success in all particulars. The West Trophy, for which the principal competition took place, went to Miquelon's rink from Calgary. The Royal Hotel trophy was captured by Trimble of Lacombe, the Grand Challenge by Palmer of Calgary and the Grand Aggregate by Miquelon. Innisfail won the district medal against Lacombe and Red Deer.

BORN

Harbottle—To Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Harbottle, Hardisty avenue, Edmonton, 24th February, a daughter.

Bishop—On Saturday, March 2, to Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Bishop, Edmonton, a daughter.

Ritchie—At Lacombe, on Saturday, February 16, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ritchie, a daughter.

MARRIED

Godson—George—At Stettler, Feb. 22, by Rev. A. D. Richard, B.A., Will Godson to Mary George.

Campbell—McNeil—At Stettler, Tuesday, Feb. 25, by the Rev. A. D. Richard, B.A., James Alexander Campbell of San Francisco to Cassie McNeil of Ewing.

DIED

James—In Los Angeles, California, R. A. James, aged 76, a resident of Calgary since 1886 and a native of the county of Oxford, Ontario.

McKeil—At this General Hospital, Edmonton, on March 1, Julia, wife of Robert J. C. McKeil, formerly of Woodstock, N.B.

Keene—At Athabasca Landing, from an attack of appendicitis, Kenneth Keene, formerly of Brighton, England, aged 20 years.

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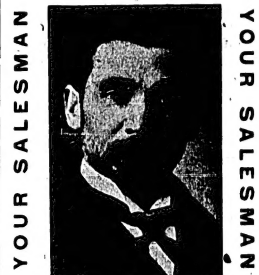
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with stars aflame,
The ache in my heart's core, the hope I
dare not name—
Ah me, but the night's long—and every
night the same.

—Isabel MacKay, in the Reader Magazine

We have a standing joke in our family, we also have a yellow pup. Incidentally the two are one, for the time honored bit of humor has to do with the pedigree of the dog in question, whom his master with an utter lack of any knowledge on the subject insists is pure bred bull terrier, while others maintain he has first claims in the thorough-bred mongrel class.

When the subject of a Pet Stock Show in connect on with the Seed Fair was first mooted our pup's pedigree was again the live topic of conversation. Was he or was he not pure-bred, had he or had he not this point or that?

To solve the mystery one forenoon I took myself and the faithfullest of four-footers, over to a man who knows what's what in the dog line, and while (being a gentleman and a diplomat) he assured me that I had indeed a treasure in the aforesaid pet, still he had to admit that his nose was a trifle short to be just right, his jaws were too heavy to conform to good breeding, and his tail—last point of all—was undeniably too long and too thick.

"He's in the pink of condition though," he hastened to add, "and he really is a dandy dog, take him all around."

With the latter part of which decision I am (needless to add) in perfect accord. But for that short nose, and those heavy jaws, try as I will, I can't convince myself he should be blamed. It would seem just as reasonable, wouldn't it, to twit Miss Flipper-Snapper for her receding chin, the manner in which she toes in, or for her saucy little turned up nose, as to blame my pup for certain features which his mother never for one moment consulted his wishes about.

Come to consider the question what fun we should have, if, instead of a pet stock show, we humans should have to mount the benches, and the judges had to mark us for our various "points" and features, instead of these great soft-eyed blue ribboners and the other household pets who for three days are to be put through their paces.

I suppose first of all we should have to furnish pedigrees—laws a mercy—what a commotion we should have then! Col. de Lacy would have to show wherein his pretensions to bluer blood than Mr. Smith's consisted. Madame Own The Earth would have to rake out her family skeleton, and we should see that rake of a by-gone ancestor or music-hall tenth-favorite, whose taint is still perceptible in Madame's pouring her tea in a saucer, or in the slip of her h's, and which We Knowing Ones had suspected when we had met together to size her up.

I wonder if a generally degenerate cast of countenance would debar us from ribbon honors? Surely not—if so, where would so many of us be!

Oh but it would be interesting! but what a jam there would be in the class, "Open to All Comers"!

Of course you know there is a continual judging class going on amongst men and women. The place where it is held is a more or less strictly guarded enclosure whose fences bear the legend "Society." Some people break into the Members' paddock, and are soon identified as amongst the chosen, but for the most part, persons seek admission, and the qualifications may be money, the grand air, position, a thousand things, rarely, if ever, though, just common every-day goodness and wholesomeness and ability.

And so I maintain that the rules for awarding the prizes are in both cases a bit off color. You see either man or dog may start out with every point in his favor, good looks, pedigree, and all the other requirements, and still fall far short of being as useful a member of society as is the so-called mongrel whose faithfulness to duty, great love, and desire to be of use, are aiding in making the world a better place to live in.

And last of all I think the system wrong because snub noses and heavy jaws don't come under the heading of our ability to make or change them, whereas being "a generally dandy dog" does.

The yaller pup and I, as a consequence of the judge's decision, will do the show from the outside. And while the prize dogs pant and strain at their chains, we will move about and offer as saucy complementaries on blue-ribbon Fido, and handsome Bobs, the great Dane, as may be, seeing we're only just generally "dandy dogs" in no particular class, and above their restrictions.

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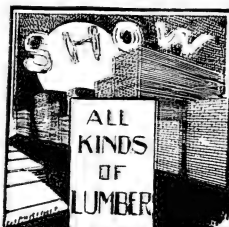
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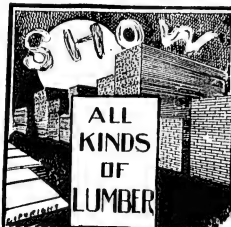
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At the Russian concert last Saturday night as I sat looking about, I found a great deal more to interest me in the audience than is usual during the mauvais quart heure (this is just a phrase, the time is usually longer) that precedes the rise of the curtain. Across the aisle from me were three bright eyed Russian girls, all animation, each with a simple white shawl over her head. In front of me was a native-born Canadian young lady with a hat which I would have to call on the editor of the social column to help me describe. All I know is that the mass of wings and plush that were in its make-up were anything but becoming to my mind, when contrasted with the simplicity of the headgear of the new arrivals from Europe. What is more, I had to crane my neck this way and that in order to get a glimpse of the stage around the corners of this "erection." Does it really mark an advance in civilization when a woman discards a shawl and dons a hat of this character? We are told that one of the great advantages of having these Russians as settlers is that they assimilate so quickly to our ways. But wouldn't it be well if their women could be induced not to assimilate to the extent of adopting the Canadian woman's headgear?

I can imagine some Ruthenian bard a few years hence breaking into verse something along these lines:

O dear to my heart is the shawl of
your childhood
Ere woman's fool fancies got into
your brain,
Ere you thought to look nice all the
birds of the wild wood
Had to perch on your head—need
I stop to explain?

And was it for this that you crossed
the wide ocean,
And for this that you came to the
land of the free
To take up each frill and nonsensical
notion,
And leave sweet simplicity far in
the lee?

O dear to my heart are those days
in the distance
When by me demurely my little
girl sat
With her head on my shoulder, no
thought of resistance,
No hindrance in shape of an
opera hat.

Another vice of civilization which
our Russian friends seem to have
acquired already was in evidence on
Saturday. The concert was advertised
to commence at 8 o'clock
sharp and it was twenty minutes to
nine when the curtain went up.
When will we learn to start things
when we say we will? Mark
Twain, you will remember, calculated
that he had wasted about
fifteen years of his life by being on
time.

Mixed up with its summary of
the new Sunday observance law,
the Journal publishes a paragraph
regarding the pyramids of Egypt.
A printer can certainly be excused
for confusing the two.

Modern slang is making the work
of philology very difficult. Now
how did the expression "23" originate?
Various attempts have been
made to explain it but most of them
have been unsatisfactory. The
New York Post has gone into the
subject very thoroughly and what
it says is worth noting carefully.
Here are its explanations:

1.—Race tracks are so laid out as
to accommodate not more than
twenty-two horses at a time. The
twenty-third horse entered, therefore
must be put out of the race.

2.—The psychopathic ward at
Bellevue Hospital is Ward 23, and,

in the vernacular of the ambulance
surgeon, "Twenty-three for his,"
is equivalent to "He's crazy."

3.—In numbering the rooms of
a certain new hotel, the numeral
"23" was inadvertently omitted.
The clerks, therefore, used "Show
the gentleman to room 23" as a
signal to the "bouncer" when an
undesirable applicant came for a
room.

4.—The expression originated
from the twenty-third verse of the
third chapter of Genesis: "There-
fore, the Lord sent him forth from
the Garden of Eden to till the
ground from whence he was taken."

5.—The expression originated
from a passage in "A Tale of Two
Cities": "She kisses his lips; he
kisses hers, they solemnly bless
each other. The spare hand does
not tremble as he releases it; nothing
worse than a sweet, bright con-
stancy is in the patient face. She
goes next before him—is gone; the
knitting women count twenty-two."

"The murmuring of many voices,
the upturning of many faces in the
outskirts of the crowd, so that it
swells forward in a mass, like one
great heave of water, all flashes
away. Twenty-three."

6.—"Twenty-three" is used by
telegraphers to signify "Keep off
the wire," as they use "Thirty" for
saying "Good-night."

All of these are plausible. Several
of them are undoubtedly true.
The reader is at liberty to reject or
accept which ever he sees fit. And,
after he has done so, he may freely
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McMullen came through the ordeal very well and almost convinced his hearers that the C.P.R. is being operated in the interest of the poor.

In the matter of car shortage he called the attention to the fact that the number of cattle handled by the C.P.R. in 1906 exceeded that of 1905 by 31,000; that all of these cattle were thrown on the market within three months; that the distance from Calgary to Montreal is 2,350 miles, and that once a car is put into commission it will have to travel 4,600 miles before it is returned for another consignment. He said that that the practice of throwing so many cattle on the market in so short a time was the cause of many of the evils of which the stockmen complain, because it results in car shortage and uncertain transportation; it glutted the markets with second grade cattle and poor prices naturally followed.

He stated that his first acquaintance with the cattle business was in the State of Texas; that at that time he thought the range method was the only sane method of raising cattle; that when he heard the name of Pennsylvania he naturally thought of coal, iron and steel, but when coming east he found Pennsylvania produced more cattle than did Texas, and that these brought to their owners many times as much money as did those of the southern ranges; that if the Alberta stockmen will adopt the Pennsylvania method of feeding their coarse grains and will distribute in the marketing season, they will, to a large extent, avoid car shortage and unsatisfactory prices.

Among the speakers of the evening session was Mr Pounds, a rancher, who stated that he had been driven to shipping his own cattle by the oppressive methods of P. Burns & Co. That on a consignment of 200 head of steers he realized \$650 more than the buyers of P. Burns & Co. would offer him. He thought this was good enough, so he returned to Alberta and bought up 200 head of steers, paying 1/2c. more per lb. than the agents of Burns & Co. were offering. These cattle netted him \$1500.00, and on these two consignments he made more money than he did during five years of ranching.

Mr Bredin, M. P. P. from the Peace River district, told of the wealth of the great northland; wealth in fish, oil, coal, marl, stone

and timber; that 101 townships north of Edmonton there is a flouring mill grinding 200 barrels of flour daily from wheat grown in its own vicinity; that when Chicago was only a hamlet, cattle were grazing on along the banks of the Peace river; that the descendants of these cattle are still in a thriving and vigorous condition; and that once transportation to the north is secured, the world will then realize the truth of what has been so often stated, that the best part of Alberta has not yet been thrown open to settlement.

Representatives of Clay, Robinson & Co. and the Union Stock Yards Co. Chicago, also addressed the convention, setting forth the advantages which that city offers as a market for beef cattle.

The speaker who had the most unpleasant task of the evening to perform was Mr W. F. Puffer, M.P.P. from Lacombe, and buyer for P. Burns & Co. He had been accused of adopting the spoils system in appointing brand inspectors, etc. in his district. However after he had explained all the circumstances connected with these appointments the audience seemed satisfied that he had been wrongfully charged in that point. But on other points he did not succeed quite as well as did Mr McMullen in proving that his principal conducted his business along philanthropic lines.

There were two addresses which were deserving of a much more extended notice than space will permit us to give. One was by the manager of the Northern Bank of Edmonton, the other by the manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Red Deer.

They said that the attitude of the banks is more favorable to producers than to mere speculators; the prosperity of the banks depends on the prosperity of the producers and the stockmen were included in that class.

As to their attitude towards individuals, these gentlemen stated that the basis of all credit is integrity and skill; no matter what a man's other qualifications may be if he lacks integrity there can be no basis upon which he can obtain credit at a bank. But besides integrity he must have the skill to do that for which he purposes making a loan to do. When a stockman has both of these there is almost no limit to the credit which he may be able to obtain.

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PERSONAL

J. H. Woods of Woods-Norris Advertising Agency, Toronto, has been visiting his brother, the deputy attorney-general, during the week.

W. A. Buchanan, editor and proprietor of the Lethbridge Herald, has been spending some days in Edmonton. Mr Buchanan is relinquishing newspaper work, having accepted the post of provincial librarian. He is one of the best all round journalists in the country, in the east being city editor of the Toronto Telegram and managing director of the St. Thomas Journal. The Lethbridge Herald he has, since taking hold of it a little over a year ago, made one of the best weeklies in the West. He is a man of broad interests and the government is to be warmly congratulated on having enlisted his services in the important work which he will be called upon to perform.

John J. Young of the Calgary Herald has been at the capital for a few days.

Widespread regret is expressed at the news of the death at Fernie of Miss Knisely, formerly of the Medicine Hat hospital, which occurred as the result of an attack of typhoid.

Rev. C. A. Antioeff of Victoria and Rev. M. Fekular of Wostok were in Edmonton on Saturday for the Russian concert.

Rev. Dr. Macqueen is attending the synod of British Columbia and Alberta at Vancouver.

C. E. E. Ussher, the recently appointed western passenger traffic manager of the C.P.R. is making a tour of Alberta.

R. A. Wallace ex-M.P.P. of High River is in Ottawa.

Robert Livingstone of the Galt mines, Lethbridge, is leaving for Edmonton, to take over the management of the City coal mine.

Jack McDougall, a well-known stage driver of early days along the Montana-Alberta boundary, died recently at Goldfields, Nevada. He was a native of Cape Breton.

H. R. Neher has returned from a three months' trip to St. Paul and Chicago.

D. H. McRae of Athabasca Landing passed through Edmonton on his way to England. He is accompanying home the body of Kenneth Keene, who died last week from appendicitis.

About twenty Edmonton Welshmen celebrated St. David's Day in fitting style at the Prince Arthur cafe. A national society was organized with W. D. Jones, president; and E. E. Davis, secretary.

J. D. Buxton, formerly clerk in the Grand Central hotel, Edmonton, has gone to Vermilion to assume the management of the Brunswick, the leading hotel of that place.

R. V. Campbell, chief miller at the Brackman-Ker establishment in Strathcona, has resigned to take a post in B. C. Previous to his departure the employees presented him with a handsome silver tea set.

Perkins & Co. have sold out their millinery department to Miss Rodd who will transfer the business to T. S. Thompson's store in the Ker Block.

The Mirror.

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HOME AND SOCIETY.

"Edmonton at rest," might well serve as a title for the picture Society presented this week to the ordinary beholder. Among the congenial small circles within the greater circle, however, the week has been an unusually enjoyable one. For the first three nights the Baseball Minstrels held the boards at the theatre, and with very few exceptions everyone took in the show on one night or another. It was well worth taking in, too, and I am sure the company are congratulating themselves and Mr. Shepherd on the splendid showing they made, and the enthusiastic receptions they were accorded. Then on Wednesday the Pet Stock Show was opened, and any hour of the day and evening well-known men and women as well as farmers and dog-farmers from all over the Province might be seen hovering over the prize dogs and the excellent poultry exhibit at the Great West Implement Co's quarters. Speaking personally, I may say that I could have lingered forever and a day over those dumb four-footed friends, who, curried and combed, made such a brave showing in the dog class. There were dogs of every shape and hue, a pair of beautiful pointers, with silky brown and white coats, long delicate noses, and heavenly brown appealing eyes; a Boston bull-pup, the sauciest thing in the exhibit who was clearly disgusted with things in general, and lapsed into slumber every second minute, his speaking little puckered-up face buried deep in his paws, a fit subject for an artist's brush!

I am not a "Connosure," as a friend of mine laughingly expresses a being well-up on any subject in dogs, so I daresay I shall have those who know it all with regard to them laughing at me, but I do believe I enjoyed the show as much as anyone. Particularly was I delighted at meeting some old and well-loved canine friends, Prant and Queen, Mr Scobel's splendid pair of fox terriers, prize winners wherever they have been shown, looking gay bonny and undoubtedly the strongest candidates for honors in their class, their master, (a real dog-lover if ever there was one) never far away, and incidentally making friends with every entry in the show. Mr. Scobel had also two beautiful Irish terrier pups entered, blue ribboners they'd be, too, if I had the judging of them.

Up in one of the boxes was Togo, Toodles to those who love him, and while, when I entered, he was looking a picture of despairing loneliness, when I spoke to him, he gathered himself together like a soldier on parade, and the last I saw of him, he was sitting with head held high, confident that he was the King in his line.

The Collie showing was unusually good a litter of adorable collie pups especially catching my eye and fancy. Another crate held three Pointer puppies, the friskiest trio of beauties I've seen in all Alberta. If stealing didn't mean the guard room and seclusion unutterable, I know where three brown heart-winners would find themselves.

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Note and Comment.

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The Calgary Herald last week published a lengthy article which made serious reflections upon Mr. Malcolm Mackenzie, the local member for McLeod and the department of the Interior. It arose out of a request made in the House of Commons by John Herron M.P., for particulars regarding the case of King and H. E. Lyon vs. M. Mackenzie et al, a piece of litigation which has been before the courts for some years past. In 1901 H. E. Lyon, who went into the Crow's Nest as a C. P. R. operator and is now a merchant there, made application for the patent to the quarter section, that is now the townsite of Blairmore and that has a present valuation of something like \$100,000. He found that there were two other claimants, one of whom was Felix Montalbeti, a C.P.R. section man. The value of their respective claims it is not necessary to enter into here, though the statement made to the Herald takes the question up very fully. The department decided that the patent should issue to Montalbeti. The latter made an agreement assigning his rights to Mr. Mackenzie and the patent was issued to the present member for McLeod. Mr. Lyon immediately began proceedings with a view to reopening the matter. He could get no satisfaction out of the department of Interior officials, so he decided to appeal to the courts.

In connection with this appeal a technical point arises, which has a very important bearing on the case. Without a "fiat" from the minister of justice, making the King a plaintiff along with Mr. Lyon, the latter could have no legal standing. This fiat was finally granted and an injunction was issued by Justice Burbridge restraining the defendants from dealing with the land, pending an exchequer court suit.

Justice Wetmore was appointed referee. He investigated and re-

ported that Montalbeti's statement, on the strength of which the patent was issued were false. The plaintiff thought a verdict in his favor was inevitable but before the case came before the exchequer court, the Crown withdrew the support, which as has just been explained, was necessary to give Mr. Lyon legal standing, without costs. However, at a later stage, the Crown paid the taxed costs. An appeal was made to the Supreme Court but in January of the present year it also found against the plaintiff.

This is the case in broad outline. The charge which the Herald makes in connection with it is that the governmental machinery has been used to prevent Mr. Lyon from obtaining justice and that Mr. Mackenzie stands in his present fortunate position as a result of his political "pull." It is needless to point out how serious these accusations are. Mr. Mackenzie brought the matter up in the House and characterized the Herald story as "absolute misrepresentation." He followed it up with a lengthy statement in the press. Let us examine what he had to say.

In connection with Justice Wetmore's decision as referee, Mr. Mackenzie points out that a very important omission is made in the Herald story. Justice Wetmore distinctly declared that there was no evidence before him to warrant him in coming to the conclusion that Mr. Mackenzie had any reason for believing that Montalbeti's claims were fraudulent, as the judge on investigating them found them to be. This clears Mr. Mackenzie at this stage of the proceedings.

But what the Saturday News cannot understand is why, after Justice Wetmore had adjudged as fraudulent Montalbeti's claims, on the strength of which Mr. Mackenzie obtained the property, the Crown took the step it did in withdrawing its support from the case and making it impossible for Mr. Lyon to make good his claims.

Mr. Mackenzie in his statement to the press says that "since the day Mr. Justice Wetmore made his findings of fact, Lyon had nothing to hope for and further litigation was useless." How is this statement to be reconciled with the part of Justice Burbridge's judgment in discussing the case in which he said,

"It is very plain that the defendant Mackenzie obtained the land in question through fraud (not his own but Montalbeti's) but owing to the action of the Crown, which I can hardly understand, in withdrawing from the case, I am forced to find that Lyon had no legal right to cancel the patent of Mackenzie, but had the Crown remained in the case, I would find that Mackenzie obtained the land by fraud and immediately cancel his patent. However, I have no alternative in the matter and will dismiss the case without costs."

It is now up to the government to explain its action in withdrawing its support from the case.

Another point which requires further explanation on the part of Mr. Mackenzie has to do with the question of the costs. It will be noted that the judgment quoted above reads "without costs." Mr. Mackenzie in his statement says: "The judgment provided that Lyon's costs should be paid. I presume, because the court considered that he had properly put the law in motion to defend his squatter's rights." Is the judge

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Although it was almost midnight when the last speaker, Mr. John T. Moore, M.P.P. for Red Deer was called, few had left the hall excepting those who were unable to secure seats.

Mr Moore expressed astonishment at the amount and kind of work which had been undertaken by the Central Alberta Stock Growing Association. He said that not only Red Deer but the entire province owed Mr Root a debt of gratitude for the comprehensive plan of the programme and the skill with which it had been carried out; that the information given there was of the utmost importance at the present time and that long after the youngest in the audience shall have been laid to rest, the effect of this convention would still be felt in Alberta.

President Fletcher's Mission.

The Saturday News is in receipt of the following letter from President Fletcher of the A.F.A. under date of Regina, February 22.

I arrived in Regina Wednesday evening, the first day of the Annual Convention of the S. G. A. I was just in time to be ushered into the banquet being given the farmers by the mayor and council of Regina. The mayor of Regina presided. Members of the local government, members of the city council, and departmental officials and prominent citizens sat down with the 140 duly qualified delegates to a sumptuous repast. The usual toasts were responded to with enthusiasm and before I knew, my name was down to respond to the toast "Sister Organization" in adjoining Provinces. References made to sympathy and co-operation between the S. G. A. and the A. F. A. were received with much enthusiasm. Representatives from the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association following up the local speakers made it clear that united action between the Grain Growers' of Saskatchewan and Manitoba and the Alberta Farmers' Association was at the present time a reality and carried with it a bright future for the farmers of the three provinces. President Hopkins took me on the platform and gave me a formal introduction and a hearty welcome. The Hon. W. R. Motherwell, minister of agriculture, and Mr. Snow, deputy warehouse commissioner,

seemed much pleased that the farmers of the three Provinces could meet on common ground.

The provincial seed fair and the poultry and pet stock show have just fairly opened as this department is being prepared this week, so that a full report is deferred till next issue. The display is excellent in all departments and warm congratulations are due to those in charge. Among those in attendance is Vice-President Woolford of the A. F. A. Cardston captured every first prize in Alberta Red but one and Mr. Woolford is correspondingly enthusiastic. There is a large attendance from all parts of the province.

Secretary Stevens of the A. F. A. has returned from a most successful organisation trip south, putting in first class branches at Mayton and Daysland. He has enquiries from British Columbia for Timothy hay.

Mr. Morley Van Camp, chairman of Clover Bar School Board has arranged to bring in the pupils of standards four and five to attend the seed fair and Poultry and Pet Stock Show. It would do much to dispel the idea that farm life is uninteresting if a few more chairmen followed Mr. Van Camp's course.

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No. 2 White Oats loaded in cars on track bring 25c. Several cars were loaded this week. The average price for Malting Barley is about 35c.

PRODUCE MARKET.

Receipts of Eggs have been quite liberal during the week and there has been quite a slump in prices.

Fresh Eggs by the case bring about 25 cents.

Butter is a shade lower with somewhat larger receipts. Prices quoted are average prices being paid farmers in quantities—we quote.

Fresh Dairy Butter, 20 to 25 cents.
Creamery Butter, 30 to 35 cents.
Old Butter unsalable. Some choice lots of dairy butter and fresh eggs bring slightly higher prices.

HAY.

Hay has been in more liberal supply and demand less active with a slightly lower range of prices. Ruling prices about as follows:

Baled Hay in car lots—
Slough, \$10 to \$13 per ton.
Upland, \$14 to \$17 per ton.
Timothy, \$17 to \$23 per ton.
By the load on market square—
Slough, \$9 to \$14 per ton.
Upland, \$14 to \$17 per ton.

Timothy, \$17 to \$20 per ton.
Sheave Oats, \$8 to \$12 per ton.
Straw, \$4.50 to \$5 per load.
Coal, \$4 to \$4.50 per ton.

FLOUR, RETAIL.

Best patent, \$2.30 per cwt.
Strong Bakers, \$2 per cwt.

INNISFAIR PRICES.

Wheat, 53.
Oats, 22.
Barley, 27.

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as sensitive as a woman to her environment and shivered sensitively at every little draught of air and then how she licked your hand at every stroke of affection, tenderly, gratefully responsive to every caress. I heard she came from Calgary. I'm hoping someone with a long pocket book will see to it that she doesn't return.

"To the dogs" read the quaintly humorous sign on the door leading to their enclosure. Now what under the sun ever led us to the conclusion that the term implied contempt. I'm thinking next time I use the phrase concerning a gentleman he may congratulate himself.

Peggy

About Town.

C. A. Johnson has opened up a livery and sale stable in the building just north of the Castle Hotel on Second Street, formerly occupied by the Edmonton Carriage Co. He is getting a carload of horses and a half carload of rubber tyre buggies, etc. The old building was not large enough to accommodate his business so he is building an addition on the south side.

The government in pursuance of its telephone policy has appointed S. Edwards of Calgary, district superintendent of C. P. R. telegraphs, to the position of telephone superintendent under the minister of public works. Mr. Edwards will relinquish his present duties on April 1st. In Calgary he is spoken of as a most competent official.

The Golden West Realty Co. have opened offices in Room 4, New Post Office Block. The firm

is composed of D. A. McClelland, J. A. Might and K. F. Reid.

It is proposed to put up a one-storey market building on the market square. The idea is to make it a temporary character, so that when it is deemed desirable to replace it by another structure, it can easily be torn down or moved away.

Miss Elmer, who has been in the east for a couple of months, has returned to the city. While in the east she visited several of the leading Canadian and American cities for the purpose of purchasing her spring stock of millinery.

All ladies who are members of the W.C.T.U. are requested to be present if possible at McDougall Methodist Church as important business will be discussed.

Messrs. Clegg & Case will shortly move their bicycle and repair shop across the street to new and larger quarters in the rear of Potter & MacDougall block and will add a line of general sporting goods.

The plans of Johnson & Lines, architects, Edmonton, have been accepted for the Collegiate Institute to be erected in Strathcona this summer at a cost of \$60,000.

In the House on Thursday, the attorney-general made the request that Mr Boyle's bill regulating traffic on public highways be held over till next session. Mr Boyle made a motion that the chairman leave the chair without reporting the bill, which will have the effect desired by the attorney-general.

George Oulette, a miner from Clover Bar, succumbed to typhoid in the General hospital on Wednesday.

John von Gruenigen, who conducted a grocery store on Fraser avenue, and who formerly acted as pastor of a German church in the city, suddenly expired while in the Northern Bank on Thursday, being overcome by paralysis.

Pauline Millinery.

First display of Spring Goods on

Monday, March 11th.

All the latest Styles.

CORNER 8TH ST. and JASPER AVE.